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TO: PLEASE PASS TO SCOWCRAFT FOR KISSINGER FROM AMB. SULLIVAN

1. DURING MY VISIT IN LAOS, I WAS PERSISTENTLY ASKED BY BOTH AMERICANS AND LAO, WHAT U.S. AIR REACTION WOULD BE IF DRV MASSIVELY VIOLATES CEASE-FIRE IN LAOS AND IF LAO FORCES ARE PUSHED OUT OF SIGNIFICANT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

2. I STATED THAT THIS WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE QUESTION WHICH HAD TO BE ADDRESSED AT HIGHEST LEVELS IN U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THAT I COULD NOT RPT NOT SPEAK ON BEHALF PRESIDENT. HOWEVER, I WISHED ALL AMERICANS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT U.S. WOULD NOT RPT NOT PRECLUDE USE OF U.S. AIR AND THAT WE WOULD MAINTAIN U.S. CAPABILITY IN THAILAND TO REACT IF NECESSARY.

3. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH LAO I HEDGED MORE, BUT ATTEMPTED TO GIVE THEM TO BELIEVE THAT OUR PAST PERFORMANCE SHOULD BE TAKEN AS MODEL FOR FUTURE.

4. ORDINARILY, THIS WOULD APPEAR TO BE APPROPRIATE SUBJECT FOR WSAG CONTINGENCY MEETING; BUT, IN YOUR ABSENCE FROM WASHINGTON YOU MAY WISH GIVE SOME GUIDANCE TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS FOR ADVANCE THINKING ON THIS MATTER.

5. WARM REGARDS.

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